

# House Study Bill 106

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
JUDICIARY BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON PAULSEN)

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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the size of a jury panel in a misdemeanor  
2 criminal case.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:  
4 TLSB 1662YC 81  
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1 1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 903.7 SIZE OF JURY PANEL.  
1 2 A trial by jury that involves only a misdemeanor criminal  
1 3 offense shall be before a panel of six jurors.  
1 4 EXPLANATION  
1 5 This bill relates to a misdemeanor jury trial. Under the  
1 6 bill, a trial by jury that involves only a misdemeanor  
1 7 criminal offense shall be before a panel of six jurors.  
1 8 Current rules of criminal procedure provide that a jury  
1 9 panel shall consist of 12 jurors for an aggravated or serious  
1 10 misdemeanor trial, and six jurors for a simple misdemeanor  
1 11 trial.  
1 12 A jury verdict must be unanimous in order to convict a  
1 13 person of any criminal offense in this state.  
1 14 LSB 1662YC 81  
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